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The Reds Have One Have We A Faith?

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON The Battle of Stalingrad tells us anything, it is that something more than military might has gone into this battle from both sides. It is a battle of tanks and guns and planes. But it is more. It is a battle of human beings, each possessed of an unshakeable determination to win. Only that will keep the Nazi troops charging again and again. Only that will keep the Soviet soldiers fighting relentlessly against superior advancing numbers.

The Battle of Stalingrad illustrates what Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, said in a week-end broadcast. He said that neither a persistent and relentless offensive, necessary though it is, nor the solution of problems of supply, vital as they are, will by themselves win the victory. He mentioned that behind the formations of tanks and aircraft lies the still more formidable fact of Nazi fanaticism. Every first-hand report from the Southwest Pacific underlines the same fact, Lord Halifax says of the Nazis.

So Lord Halifax goes on to say: "We know the Nazi cause to be most evil, but they have been trained to believe that it has the highest claim on their devotion. So when we have out-gunned, out-tanked and out-planned the Nazi, we must be sure that the flame of our faith burns as fiercely as theirs."

I am not sure that we have that yet on our side. We talk a good deal about it. Still I wonder, when I see quibbling going on here, and when we delay by months with problems like rubber and steel and industrial manpower that we know are inescapable.



I told the critics you were a Latin type, Mamie, so don't slip into that Brooklyn accent when they interview you or we're both sunk!

Mail Of Fame

Editors, The News: MAY I ask your help in a matter of public interest for the war effort? People in India and China, in Turkey and Iran and Russia, peoples of the East, are looking at Americans today and wondering what sort of people we are. The East and West Association has decided to choose ten or more representative Americans and introduce them to such other peoples in a series of short simple biographies. Recently we polled the book reviewers and with their votes made a list of fifteen books about America which we are recommending to Asiatic countries. In the same way the motion picture critics have voted on the best films about American life for Asiatic people to see.

WE hereby invite News readers to aid the East and West Association in the project of presenting our people to Allied nations as over a dozen simple, make-up list of ten Americans of whom you are proud, and send them to The News. All lists will be printed here, and forwarded to New York for the final counting. We expect all Americans to give good representation in the naming of our candidates for the American Hall of Fame—Editors, The News.

Platform Of The People

Editors, The News: Those of us who fuss about restlessness in bed to read these extracts translated from a letter just received from a lady of letters who lives in unoccupied France.

"The war that marks of calamities" and now America is not so much as I thought that visit so agreeable and instructive. I love the Americans, their spirits, their gaiety, their gentleness, their friendliness so deep and durable. This it makes my heart sad to see this noble race in combat. Already you have death, each day and every hour, and every minute of battle. Who would have thought that one day those brave and loyal Americans would be fighting the yellow race, who could have predicted back in those 1918 days that we would have to suffer another war. "Life would be frightful if it were eternal. I find that Death is the most precious gift to Life. The body is only a garment put on in passing through this life. This tunnel between two clear apertures. Everything has a depth that it is necessary to try to understand in order to maintain one's equilibrium and strength in times of trouble and disaster resulting from this chaotic state of the world."

High Fortresses

By Colonel Hugh J. Knerr In The October American Mercury

I HAVE always believed in big airplanes. I have believed from the beginning that America's four-motored bombers could furnish the punch to win this war and some of the developments in Britain has shaken my confidence. Because the press has made much of the differences of opinion in Britain, I think it is important for Americans to know just what our doctrine of bombardment is, and how it differs from the British and German doctrine. I think that this difference in doctrine is our key to victory.

Grindstone

Red Stand at Stalingrad Points the Way to Allies For weeks it has seemed that the Nazi juggernaut of tanks and destruction was about to crush Marshal Timoshenko's armies before Stalingrad, split the southern front, and roll Russia back into the position of a secondary defensive power. But, as the days wear on, increasing equipment and superior courage are sending the Red Army back to the front and little battles whose total may yet be the key to our war.

Today, we note, German newspapers are speaking of the postponed fall of Stalingrad. They hasten to add that their armies will not be held off until Winter, and that resistance is more than they could overcome immediately. They also say of a foul by the gallant Russians, the Reds, they say, are deliberately trying so that they might run up the terrific toll of German dead. That policy, they lay to the English.

Whether it stands or falls, this already-rumored city, it will be one more step in the way to the post-war world. By these heroic stands alone Russia has paid the price of a big share in the post-war world order. If there are those of us who consider Communism and Democracy too far apart for amicable settlement between allies, they have no right to be unwillingly the Russian millions gave their lives.

Should Stalin, Timoshenko and their regions manage to hold at Stalingrad they might save the war; even should they be forced to give up the Caucasus, the advantage to the Nazis may be lesser than we have thought. In every passing day the fanatic Russian patriot is striking the edge of Hitler's towering tower. That, advance, hold or retreat, may come to be Russia's most important contribution to the cause. The rest will wait up to us.

Allies At Home

Terrell-Founded Shop Pool Produces Without Red Tape It is almost an obligation upon the community to realize and appreciate the accomplishments of E. A. Terrell in forming the Charlotte War Products Pool and making of it a real factor in aiding industrial development for war.

Because there are now about twenty factories of these small businesses producing together, using a central engineering department and contracting for facilities among themselves, the Charlotte area is working on contracts of some \$100,000,000 in war goods. Much of the work is important, but the real Terrell accomplishment for his city lies in the fact that he simply saved a section of small-business industry.

Without pleading for outside aid, Mr. Terrell and his associates several of whom recently built machine shops of their own turned to and started supplying to their own shortage managers. There has never been a reserve of skilled machine operators in the South, and now big contracts remain unfilled because of their scarcity. There never has been, either, a reserve of machine tool men like Terrell, who asked few questions, went to work at the first pangs of war, and is now turning out the stuff.

If We Really Mean Business

By Herblock



We'll Bomb By Daylight

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Bible Thought

Have you found life flat, flat and unexciting? Then you have been drinking at the wrong fountain. If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink.—John 4:13